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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6, insert This application is a
divisional of application Serial No. 08/875,115, filed November 20, 1997, which is a
national stage of PCT/JP95/02472 filed December 4, 1995.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 14-23, 26-28, 32, 33 and 37-39 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 8".

Claim 10, line 1, delete "5 or 6".